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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

## City of Milwaukee to Mark Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Mayor Barrett, city leaders, advocates, and survivors gather to raise awareness and support victims

MILWAUKEE – As the 2013 Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month comes to an end nationwide, the City of Milwaukee will mark its own Human Trafficking Awareness Day with a gathering of City leaders, advocates, and survivors.

"Human trafficking is something happening in our own backyard, and today we are coming together to raise awareness, support victims, and stand for an end to this terrible crime in our community," said Dana World-Patterson, chair of the Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee.

Hosted by the Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee and the City of Milwaukee Commission on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, the evening will include a call to action for all attendees.

**WHAT:** Milwaukee Human Trafficking Awareness Day

WHEN: Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013

5-7 p.m.

**WHERE:** City Hall Rotunda

200 W. Wells St.

**SPEAKERS:** Mayor Tom Barrett

Common Council President Willie Hines

Alderwoman Milele Coggs

Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker Assistant U.S. District Attorney Tracy Johnson Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy Romo West

Human Trafficking Task Force of Greater Milwaukee Chairs Dana World-

Patterson and LaShawndra Vernon

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Terry Perry Survivor Laura J. Poet Melissa Blue

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